

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, September 19, 2025

Present/Attending: Olivia Moris (AL), Heather Wiarda (AM), Leslie LaRose (AU), Beth Sippl (BA), Sue Christianson (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Kallie Anderson (BO), Trevor Richards (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Dawn Ayers (CM), Anna Griffin (CE), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Cricket LaFond (CL), Denise Korenuk (CN), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Nancy Kerr (EC), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Charlene Conradi (FC), Rochel Karlson (GC), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Anne Miller (OS), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Jenna Beyer (PL), Carissa Langer (PR), Rachel Thomas (RL), Tanya Misselt (RF), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Su Leslie (SC), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Colby Peterson (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

Proxy: Joe Nise for Kati Morley (CV), Trevor Richards for Nick Andrews (EW), Barbara Krueger for Rozanne Traczek (FA), Katelyn Dubiel for John Thompson (IF), Joleen Sterk for Monica LaVold (NR), Rebecca Puhl for Judy Kraetke (PF), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter for Christy Rundquist (PE).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Jackee Johnson, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Linda Heimstead (BL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Heather Marek (FR), Michelle Johnson (HA), Jennifer Mabie (HK), Shelley Tougas (HU), Amy Abele (OG), Becky Manley (SV).

CALL TO ORDER:

Meyer (EL) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Sterk (ME) established a quorum was present by roll call vote.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE
WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:**

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Sippl (BA) moved to approve the agenda. Beyer (PL) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the minutes dated July 18, 2025. Karlson (GC) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library Directors shared news and events from their libraries.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jackee Johnson reported that the MORE Bibliographics and Standards Committee met on August 28th. They made a couple changes on cataloging films. The committee will also look further into the large print collection as MORE does not exactly match the statewide recommendations.

The MORE Resource Sharing/Collection Development (RS/CD) meet on September 5th. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) noted they discussed AI-generated materials. AI is being used to write books on sale through Amazon. They plan to report back on this topic to the Directors Council in November. They also discussed the small spaces workshop that was recently held. It was determined that each library will deal with how they see fit.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt provided information in her Administrator's Report on the ILS Evaluation Project. It was also included in TWAM (This Week at MORE). It was determined that it is in the best interest of MORE to investigate how other ILS options compare to our current platform. IFLS will lead this process with the input and expertise of member library staff and directors, as well as the experience of other library consortia. The goal is to develop an ILS recommendation prior to the end of our current Sierra maintenance contract in December of 2027.

Several staff and directors volunteered to be part of the MORE ILS Evaluation Task Force or advisors. The task force members are provided. They will hold their first meeting on September 24th.

This process will allow us to survey the landscape of library automation software. We can decide if Sierra is the right choice for MORE. Roholt noted a really robust response for volunteers. All are thanked for taking part in the process. There is a good cross section of volunteers. All task force meetings will operate as open meetings and anyone is welcome to attend.

Roholt provided a CABS update. IFLS catalogers in cooperation with the cataloging partner libraries continue to create, edit, and maintain title records for all MORE libraries. Nearly 22,000 title records have been added and cataloged.

Bridget Krejci is no longer with IFLS. Cataloger Julia Reid is picking up more hours and redistribution of tasks to compensate. Catalogers can always be reached via the IFLS Help Desk or by direct email to CABS.

Upcoming events for MORE include a cataloging webinar on September 25th; Retreats for staff and directors September 22-24; and a Sierra update on September 30th.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson is at the ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) Conference this week and Katelyn Dubiel is serving as his proxy. The IFLS Personnel Committee and Board of Trustees will be meeting next week at Glenwood City Public Library. All IFLS meetings are open meetings. The Board of Trustees will approve the IFLS budget, which does not include any service reductions.

Dubiel noted that as of this week, Purple Mountain Delivery is caught up on sorting. It is hoped that they will remain closer to the normal transit times. Dubiel thanked the directors for being so patient in a situation that lasted far too long.

BIBLIOCOMMONS CONTRACT TERM:

The meeting materials provide information on the BiblioCommons contract term. At the July meeting, MORE Directors Council voted to approve the 2026 MORE budget, including continued funding for two public-facing catalog products from vendor BiblioCommons: BiblioCore and BiblioApps. The Council did not decide on whether to enter a multiyear agreement with BiblioCommons. MORE has the option to enter into a multi-year agreement to commit to ongoing use of their catalog and app products. Before the end of 2025, the MORE Directors Council should decide on the duration of the agreement with BiblioCommons. Three options were provided in the meeting material. This decision will not affect the MORE costs already voted on for 2026.

Considerations included the ILS evaluation project launch. The potential of switching away from Sierra at the end of 2027 could be tricky to switch both the staff-facing ILS software and the public-facing catalog software at the same time.

Roholt noted that BiblioCore catalog and app can work with all major ILS's. Any staff-facing software would work with BiblioCore. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) added that Vega only works with Sierra or Polaris for public-facing catalog.

Sterk (ME) made a motion to select Option 2 for a three year pricing commitment with BiblioCommons (2026-2028). Leslie (SC) seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder